RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: It is not a question of hesitation. They have not yet begun to work now.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Has the Government cared to go into the agreement?

PRESIDENT: A copy of the agreement has been placed on the table of the Secretary.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: What is the purpose of the agreement?

PRESIDENT: That the Government should have a predominant voice in the conducting of the affairs of the company.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Does the Government think that it has gained decided advantage by the agreement.

PRESIDENT: There is absolutely no difference of opinion between this Government and the company.

Share Capital of the Travancore, Fertilisers and Chemicals, Ltd.

10. *MR. K. A. MAHOMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the issued share capital of the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals, Ltd;

(*b*) the percentage of the shares held by Travancoreans including the Government;

(*c*) the productive capacity of the plant proposed to be installed; and

(*d*) the approximate cost of production per ton?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI:

(*a*) Rs. 25,00,000.

(*b*) 82%

(*c*) 50,000 tons of Ammonium sulphate and 2,000 tons of Sulphuric acid per annum.

(*d*) The cost cannot be ascertained at present.

Fertilisers and Chemicals, Ltd., Alwaye.

11. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any agreement or understanding between them and the Fertilisers and Chemicals, Ltd., Alwaye regarding appointment of Travancoreans in the said company?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Yes. The agreement between Government and the company provides that if qualified Travancoreans are available the company will employ them preferentially both in superior and subordinate staff.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: The answer says that the company provides to the effect that if qualified Travancoreans are available, the company will employ them preferentially both in superior and subordinate staff. May I know, has this been put into effect by the company so far? May I know whether they were giving preferential treatment to Travancoreans in the matter of employment?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: As I have already said, the erection of the factory has just commenced. Certainly, care will be taken to see that this particular understanding or stipulation is duly implemented.

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MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know, at what stage of the company's working are you going to make enquires about this matter?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: It is only the construction of the factory that is now going on. Before the factory actually commences work, we will certainly take note of this stipulation and scrutinise how far it has been carried into effect.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know, what is the amount stipulated for the construction of a factory?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: I cannot say that at present.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know what will be the fate of the present employees?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Again this is a matter for the Government to consider in due course.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Government enquired about the company's annual disbursement of expenditure on pay?

PRESIDENT: We cannot ask that. How can it be done? As a matter of fact the plant has to come from America. The question was raised as to whether England would give the plant or America, which would be suitable to us. This Government, after consultation with the Government of India and after a certain amount of difference of opinion that arose between this Government and the Government of India finally decided to place the order for the plant in America. These are very technical plants. Those accustomed to deal with the plant will have to work it. At the present moment certain preliminaries are given to us. Now constructions are going on and as soon as we know the quantity of materials that will be needed for the programme of work, then the question of employees will come in. Whether it is necessary to employ 3/4 Travancoreans, or 7/8th or 1/2, all these will have to be considered then.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Will the honourable member take it from me that if he will only call for a list of appointments in the Fertilisers, he will be able to find that 75 per cent. of the employees are non-Travancoreans?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Sir, the matter will be looked into.

Appointments in the Fertilisers and Chemicals, Ltd.

12. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of appointments made from each community with a salary of Rs. 30 and above in the Fertilisers and Chemicals, Ltd., Alwaye; and

(b) the number of Travancoreans and non-Travancoreans amongst them?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (a) and (b) Information is not available as the Fertilisers and Chemicals, Travancore Ltd., is a registered company and not a Government concern.

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